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Dr. Harmon McAllister
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Dear Dr. McAllister:

Recently I to wrote to The Council for Tobacco Research-U.S.A., INC. requesting support for a conference on *Spliceosome Assembly and Tissue Specific Splicing*, sponsored by NSF-EMBO. I am pleased that The Council for Tobacco Research-U.S.A., INC. was willing to contribute $500 for support of this conference. However, the budget of the National Institutes of Health is, as you know, in a state of near crisis, and the support we will be receiving for this conference in grossly inadequate to cover the meeting costs. We are depending on the generosity and long-term vision of corporations to help make up the short-fall. As we are only one-half of the way toward our goal of obtaining $18,000 in corporate support, I am writing to ask you to consider increasing your level of support to at least $1,000.

I know that you receive numerous requests for support of worthy causes. However, this conference provides the first opportunity for investigators from all over the world to assemble and discuss the most recent advances in the molecular basis for splice site selection and tissue-specific splicing. The success of the conference is absolutely dependent on corporate support. Conversely, research advances stimulated by the conference are likely to accelerate our understanding of fundamental cellular regulatory mechanisms, and the development of new diagnostic and therapeutic tools, thus being a benefit to the sponsoring corporations. Having myself obtained a Ph.D. in pharmacology, I realize the potential importance of these processes and the future implications in terms of diagnostic and therapeutic interventions.

I urge you to consider increasing your support of this conference, so that it can continue to operate at a high level of quality. Naturally, the generosity of your contributions to the conference will be acknowledged in the program. Please forward your contribution to EMBO Workshop, C/O David M. Helfman.

Sincerely yours,

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